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In re the application of: Leong *et al.*

Application number: 09/722,923

Filed: November 27, 2000

For: *METHOD, SYSTEM, PROGRAM, AND
COMPUTER READABLE MEDIUM FOR
PROVIDING A DATABASE FOR OBJECT
ORIENTED OBJECTS*

Attorney Docket No.: SMQ-114/P5635

Art Unit: 2178

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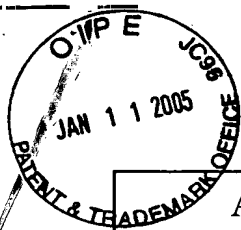
Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This Amendment and Response is filed responsive to the Non-Final Office Action (Paper No. 09292004) mailed October, 12, 2004. In view of the comments set forth below, the Applicants contend that all of the pending claims are patentable and in condition for allowance.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 13 of this paper.

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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